

b.) Remarks

Claims 1-15 are amended for better idiomatic usage and better conformity with accepted U.S. practice. New claims 16-20 parallel original claims 11-15, respectively. Additionally, claim 21 is presented in order to recite subject matter that is generic to the two species noted by the Examiner.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner states the claims are directed to plural species of the generic invention. According to the Examiner, these species are to the embodiment shown in Figure 10, and the embodiment shown in Figure 17. Since this is a selection of species requirement, a generic claim encompassing the species will be examined, if the selected species is found to be allowable.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the retro-reflective element according to the first embodiment (shown in Fig. 10). Claims 1-6 and 21 relate to Examples 1-5, Figure 10.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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